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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	JP 8-180672 A (Mitsubishi Electric Corp.), 12 July, 1996 (12.07.96), Full text; all drawings & US 5751627 A	1-19
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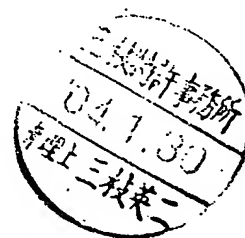
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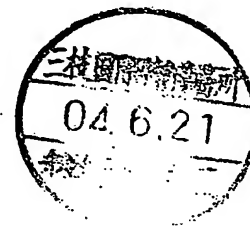
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